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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/779,782

Group No.: 3635

Filed: Feb. 8, 2001

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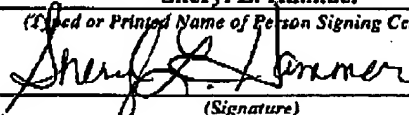
For: BARRIER COVER

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